

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the second paragraph on page 2, at lines 6-14, as follows.

Necked nonwoven webs, including necked spunbond webs, meltblown webs, combinations and the like, are often made using a process which is schematically illustrated in Fig. 1. A nonwoven web 12 having a starting width A is passed in its machine direction between a first nip 16, which can be a first pair of nip rollers traveling at a first surface velocity, and a second nip 26, which can be a second pair of nip rollers traveling at a second surface velocity which is faster than the first surface velocity. The surface velocity difference between the first and second nips results in formation of a narrower ("necked") nonwoven web 22 having a necked width A A' which is less than the starting width A.